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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O.Box 1450
Alexandria VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 13, 2003, applicants hereby petition for an extension of time in which to respond (fee transmittal sheet enclosed) and respond as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.